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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN
NORTHERN DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

DONNA JEAN MERCHANT,

Defendant.

Case:1:20-cr-20471
Judge: Ludington, Thomas L.
MJ: Morris, Patricia T.
Filed: 09-30-2020 At 09:56 AM
INDI USA V. SEALED MATTER (DA)

INDICTMENT

The Grand Jury Charges:

COUNT ONE
TAX EVASION
(26 U.S.C. § 7201)

From approximately April 2007 and continuing through the present, in the Eastern District of Michigan and elsewhere, DONNA JEAN MERCHANT, willfully attempted to evade and defeat the payment of income taxes due and owing by her

to the United States of America for the calendar years 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, and 2013 by committing affirmative acts of evasion, all in violation of 26 U.S.C. §7201.

THIS IS A TRUE BILL.

Dated: September 30, 2020

s/GRAND JURY FOREPERSON

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Companion Case information MUST be completed by AUSA and initialedUnited States District Court
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Companion Case Information	Companion Case Number:
This may be a companion case based upon LCrR 57.10 (b)(4) ¹ :	Judge Assigned:
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	AUSA's Initials: <u>TP</u>

Case Title: USA v. Donna Jean Merchant**County where offense occurred:** Cheboygan**Check One:** ☒ **Felony** ☐ **Misdemeanor** ☐ **Petty**

X Indictment/ Information --- no prior complaint.
 Indictment/ Information --- based upon prior complaint [Case number:]
 Indictment/ Information --- based upon LCrR 57.10 (d) [Complete Superseding section below].


Superseding Case Information**Superseding to Case No:** _____ **Judge:** _____

- ☐ Corrects errors; no additional charges or defendants.
☐ Involves, for plea purposes, different charges or adds counts.
☐ Embraces same subject matter but adds the additional defendants or charges below:

Defendant name**Charges****Prior Complaint (if applicable)**

Please take notice that the below listed Assistant United States Attorney is the attorney of record for the above captioned case.

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